

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
March 9, 2006
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Wilbur Petroskey, Paul Dean, Guy Hansen. Peter Wolk was excused. Tom Rudolph will join interviews via telephone.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Toni Rogers, Jim Winkler, John Preissing, Jim Kumbera, and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur Petroskey called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Paul Dean/Guy Hansen to approve the agenda as presented.

Closed session: Motion by Guy Hansen/Paul Dean to enter in to closed session pursuant to WI States Sec. 19.85 (1) (c), Wisconsin Statutes, considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Family Living Agent position interviews. John Preissing and Dan Kuzlik remained in closed session. Roll call vote: Paul Dean-aye; Guy Hansen-aye; Wilbur Petroskey-aye.

Tom Rudolph joined the meeting via telephone for the interviews.

Motion by Wilbur Petroskey/Paul Dean to return to open session. Roll call vote: Paul Dean-aye; Guy Hansen-aye; Wilbur Petroskey-aye.

Filling of Family Living Agent vacancy: Motion by Guy Hansen/Paul Dean to offer the position to Patricia McGee, contingent upon acceptable references and successful background check. If Patricia McGee refuses offer, the position will then be offered to Barbara Haynes with the same contingencies. All ayes; motion carried. Dan Kuzlik will perform the reference checks and keep the Committee informed of the progress of filling the vacancy.

Exhibition/Education Subcommittee update: Wilbur Petroskey noted many of the Subcommittee members are out of town and there is nothing new to report at this time. Contracts are still being reviewed by Corporation Counsel.

Jim Winkler expressed concern over the LTE position still being vacant and the several openings on the Subcommittee. Discussion followed. Wilbur Petroskey urged Ag & Extension Committee members to help with recruitment of volunteers. Kerri Ison noted it was mentioned in the Extension Line newsletter that is mailed to 500 families and in the Clover Patch 4-H newsletter. Discussion continued.

Approval of monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair: Motion by Guy Hansen/Wilbur Petroskey to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair. All ayes; motion carried.

OCEDC monthly report/Main Street program update: Jim Kumbera reported that he and Dan Kuzlik have been working with the BID group submitting application to become a Main Street Community. The application has been submitted, along with two amendments to the

budget and organizational chart. A contingency of representatives will attend a meeting of the Main Street Program board on March 28, 2006 and make a 30 minute presentation.

Plans are underway for a press conference announcing the new plastics facility, Advanced Barrier Extrusion. County Board members, City Council members and other key individuals who gave input and assistance in bringing the new facility to the community will be invited. The press conference will be held on Monday, March 20th at 8:30 a.m. in the large meeting room of the Extension office. Kumbera urged Committee members to visit the construction site.

Dan Kuzlik has been appointed to serve on and facilitate an ad hoc committee of the Tourism Council. He has been partnering with OCEDC on several initiatives including tourism, the new business park and the downtown business district as a proactive approach to building the community. Discussion followed.

Community Assessment Summit: The Community Assessment Summit to be held at Nicolet College on March 23, 2006. This is a continuation of the community forums the office has been involved with. The summit is limited to 60-65 community leaders and Kuzlik expressed his wish to have at least one Committee member attend. Discussion followed. Wilbur Petroskey volunteered to represent the Committee. Motion by Paul Dean/Guy Hansen to have Wilbur Petroskey represent the Committee at the Community Assessment Summit on March 23, 2006. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment: Toni Rogers reported a volunteer for the community garden effort has donated funds to have a table at the Home Show. Discussion followed. Guy Hansen suggested including an Extension display if possible.

Items for next agenda: Family Living position update, Fair Subcommittee report and volunteer update, community garden update, TAG.

Adjournment: Motion by Guy Hansen/Paul Dean to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri R. Ison
Recording Secretary

Wilbur Petroskey, Chair